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PORTERVILLE REBUILDS

Sunday, October 3, was a great day in the life of the Porterville church. Our readers will remember that on the Sunday before the State Conference a year ago, during the morning hour of worship, the church building caught on fire which resulted in very heavy damage to the auditorium and complete destruction of the old parish house.

Porterville Church

It was the desire of the congregation to restore the auditorium exactly as it had been and to erect a new parish house in place of the old. Except for new lighting fixtures and new carpet, a worshiper in the new edifice would scarcely believe that there had been a fire, so faithfully has the old structure been reproduced. The entire first floor has been rearranged, giving separate assembly and class rooms for the Church School. The new unit includes not only a spacious hall for socials, entertainments, and plays, but it will also serve as dining room, and a new kitchen with splendid equipment has been provided.

At the morning service on reconsecration day, Superintendent Harley H. Gill brought the sermon message, and 25 new members were received into membership, bringing the total up to 106 during the present pastorate.

The community consecration service was held in the afternoon, at which time greetings were brought from civic organizations, from neighboring ministers and the Conference superintendent. An historical statement was made by Rev. John A. Milligan, who was pastor of the church forty years ago. The act of consecration was read by the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, and the prayer of consecration was offered by Superintendent Gill.

The total cost of all improvements amounted to $23,000. The Building Society has assisted, and the people of the community have responded, so that at the present time there is an uncovered deficit of only about $1,500, which it is planned to raise in the immediate future. Many words of high praise were spoken concerning the leadership being furnished to the church and the community by Mr. and Mrs. Gregg.

The November issue of The Pacific will be the Guest Book issue, and will go to press on or about October 15, for it is to be printed in the East. Therefore, the columns cannot be held open for news items until the first of the month as is usually the case. They must be in the office by October 15.

OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The eighty-first annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference and the fall meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, Tuesday to Thursday, October 26 to 28. The Program Committee, consisting of the moderator, Rev. Benjamin Gould; Federation president, Mrs. A. V Dunn; pastor of entertaining church, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach; Field Secretary, Edwin T. Sherman, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill, has arranged a program of unusual strength and interest.

The services of worship will be under the leadership of Rev. Pierson Parker of North Church, Berkeley, whose subjects will be "These Things be True" and "To a Known God." The opening address of the Conference will be delivered by Rev. Frederick L. Fagley of New York, his theme being "The Church and Society." Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo will preach the Conference sermon, on "Crowding the Contemporary."

Rev. O. W. S. McCall will be the speaker at the Tuesday evening session, on the subject "A Spiritual Adventure Through Britain." Music will be provided by the Mills College choir.

On Wednesday morning there will be a panel discussion on "Social Action in the Local Church," with Rev. James Muilenburg as chairman, Mr. John H. Kimball, Rev. Noel J. Breed, and Rev. Benjamin Gould as participants.

On Wednesday noon the Federation of Congregational Women will hold its fall luncheon, which will be followed by the fall meeting with Mr. A. W. March, professor of biology at Hangchow Christian College, speaking on "What of China Today?" There will be special music, and Mrs. H. T. Helfer will lead the devotions.

At the same hour laymen and ministers will gather and Rev. O. W. S. McCall will lead the discussion on "Preaching to Students." Rev. Roy Campbell of San Diego will speak on "The Church of Today for Tomorrow," and Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda on "Meeting the People's Problems, in Person and in Pulpit."

A joint session for men and women will follow, when President Herman F. Swartz will bring his report of the Edinburgh conference, using as his subject "United in the Way of Life." A religious education model institute will be held, beginning at four o'clock, with a dramatic service of worship conducted by Miss Lucile Shackelford, and classes on Methods of Worship in the Church School will be led by Mrs. Laura C. Thunen, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, and Rev. Ralph C. Waddell.

On Wednesday evening the Oakland First Church choir will furnish music, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will give the address, his subject being, "One Body in Christ."

Thursday morning will be devoted to discussion groups, one on "Prayer" with Rev. Charles E. Ward presiding and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce speaker; another on "Religion and Racial Antipathies" led by Rev. Norman Henderson with Rev. Daniel Hill and Mr. Leroy Katiwara as speakers; a third will be on "Adult Education" with Rev. William R. Steininger presiding, Rev. F. L. Fagley of New York as lecturer. Rev. Willard B. Thorp will conduct the memorial and communion service.

At noon on Thursday there will be a Social Action luncheon with Mr. Eric H. Thomsen speaking on "Problems of Migratory Labor." The afternoon will be largely devoted to business, and there will be brief addresses from the California Church Council, the Anti-Saloon League, the Pilgrim Fellowship, and the American Bible Society.

Thursday evening will be devoted to the Conference dinner, with Mr. Charles T. Tinker as toastmaster. There will be special music. Superintendent E. D. Gaylord of Southern California will speak on "The Pilgrims for Our Fathers," and Rev. Roy Campbell on "Our Churches Move Forward."

Delegates and ministers will provide their own entertainment. A list of approved hotels, making special rates, will be mailed to all pastors, with printed programs, which will be available within the next few days. There will be a registration fee of $1.00 for all who attend, this to provide travel expense for speakers and to make possible the attendance of pastors who come and bring delegates with them from distant points.

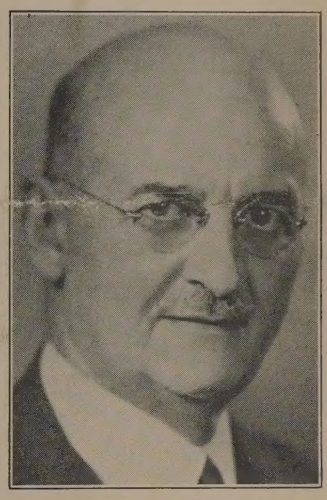
All regularly ordained ministers who are members of local associations are voting delegates. Each church is entitled to two voting delegates and to one additional for each one hundred members in excess of two hundred, provided that no church shall have more than five voting delegates. Additional information may be secured from the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

The example of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, might well be emulated by other churches in the Conference. In order to acquaint the new members of the church with our denominational enterprise the church, out of its treasury, provides a one-year subscription to The Pacific for each new member, and writes the member a letter stating what is being done and suggesting that when that subscription expires it would be a highly desirable thing for the member to subscribe on his own account. The only way that missionary interest may be revived is for the members of our churches to be informed, and The Pacific is the best little informer we know anything about.

A.B.C.F.M. REPORTS

Following the close of its fiscal year on August 31, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions announced a deficit for the year of $51,500, which brings the accumulated debt to $142,600. The Board expects increased expenditures because of the cost of evacuating many of its missionaries from China. The deficit came about in spite of careful economy and the expenditure of $20,000 less than in the year previous. Two thousand three hundred individuals sent personal gifts, totaling $110,000, or the situation would have been much more serious. The Board desires to express its deep gratitude to all who had a part in its support.



Rev. Frederick L. Fagley of New York, speaker at State Conference.

SACRAMENTO EMANCIPATION

Pioneer Church of Sacramento is now in a real sense emancipated. The joy and enthusiasm which made the annual meeting one long to be remembered bespoke not only their gratitude for the saving of their church, but also an eagerness to devote themselves to the great spiritual opportunity which now lies before them. They say, "We are emancipated in the following respects:

1. The crisis has been successfully overcome. For years we have been under the shadow of a debt too heavy to bear and growing larger each year. The fear of foreclosure increasingly oppressed us. All this is over.

2. The threat to our building is ended FOREVER. The remaining debt will be well within our ability to amortize. For the first time we can confidently call the church our own.

3. All back interest amounting to $8,250 has been wiped out.

4. We have been given this year free of interest on our note to the bank.

5. A reduction of $7,850 on the principal has been granted by the bank.

6. Our remaining debt to the bank will be only $20,000, covered by the Fratt Fund to the extent of $13,000.

7. The interest rate has been reduced by the bank. Formerly six per cent, it is three per cent for next year, four per cent for the following year. Our entire interest charges will be $900 instead of $3,100.

8. Our total net debt on a $180,000 plant will be only $17,000. Some $10,000 will be owed our own Church Building Society at three per cent; the remainder is the net amount of the note to the bank explained in (6) above.

9. Most important of all, constructively, the whole membership of our church, united in a great task, have demonstrated once again the dauntless power of the Pioneer spirit. Practically every one of our members gave and participated in the victorious achievement.

Three out of ten that use alcoholic liquor become addicts, and most of the other seven suffer from it in later life. —Dr. W. J. Mayo, of the Mayo Clinic.

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CHINA NEWS

It is impossible to give an accurate report on our missionaries in North China now, or of the general situation there, because it changes from moment to moment. The press carries running accounts of military events and to date many of our workers have been mentioned in dispatches ,among them Rev. Harry S. Martin and Rev. James A. Hunter, Tunghsien; Miss Abbie G. Chapin (who survived the Boxer Rebellion in 1900), Miss Jessie E. Payne, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer W. Galt and Faith, all of Paotingfu; Dr. Alma L. Cooke, Miss Lucia E. Lyons, and Helen Dizney, R.N., of Tehchow. These, and their co-workers unnamed, have been rendering inestimable service to refugees, both Chinese and Japanese, to sick and wounded soldiers and civilians, to terrified families. It might be said that while the press in general is as accurate as one could expect under the pressure of war conditions ,undue alarm should not be felt at dispatches about missionaries until they have been carefully checked by the Board with the Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who has been cooperative in this connection.

Judge Curtis D Wilbur reports that he has recently had three letters from his son, Dr. Leonard Wilbur of Taiku, stating that there are no war activities in that area and that they are safe and sound.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

One of the most important things that Congregational and Christian friends can do is PRAY. Dr. Fairfield in a bulletin to missionaries on furlough from China and near relatives of workers still on the field, asks that petitions be included for the "morale of the whole missionary body, for clear guidance in difficult decisions, and for strength from God to meet each day's needs, as well as prayers for their safety and that of our brothers and sisters of the Chinese churches and for the speedy termination of hostilities." To which should be added prayers for Japanese Christians and the many thoughtful Japanese, who ,we are led to believe from reports, are not eager for war and deprecate this bitter conflict.

CANVASS MATERIAL READY

New Every-Member Canvass supplies, samples of which were sent to all pastors, are now ready and available through the Conference office in San Francisco. Place orders NOW for the attractive American Board and Home Board leaflets, as well as for the timely Social Action Dictionary. Plan to use them on Literature Tables, too.

UPPER BAY PILGRIMS RALLY

The Fall Rally of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Upper Bay Association was held Sunday afternoon, September 26, at Antioch, with President Stanley Benedict presiding. There were 68 young people and 20 adults present. The Statement of Purpose of the Pilgrim Fellowship was adopted, and cooperation was voted in the mid-winter meeting. New officers were elected as follows: president, Calvin Dulaney of Benicia; vice-president, Vivian Walker of Pittsburg; secretary-treasurer, Janet Markham of Antioch. Speakers included Rev. D. W. Throckmorton of San Francisco and Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward, in addition to pastors of the Upper Bay Association.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE HELPS

Plymouth House, our Congregational project at the University of California is rendering a very valuable service in deputation work, under the leadership of Miss Viola Mann, former president of the Pilgrim Fellowship. On a recent Sunday, deputations visited the young people's societies at Niles, San Francisco Congregational-Methodist Temple; and Hayward.

FINLEY - GILL

Announcement cards are out telling of the marriage of Mrs. Claribelle Booth Finley and Superintendent Harley H. Gill at Washington, D. C. on September 4. Rev. Howard Stone Anderson of the First Congregational Church of Washington was the officiating minister. Following their marriage, Superintendent and Mrs. Gill drove across the continent, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gill in Chicago, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gill in Denver, and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Gill has been a long-time member of the Fruitvale Congregational Church and also has been active in club work. They will be at home to their friends after October 10 at 1835 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley.

NEW PREACHING PLAN

Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, pastor at Petaluma, has asked his members to indicate on signed cards the type of sermons which they prefer. By means of check marks in columns, he asks them to state whether they prefer sermons on Biblical, doctrinal, devotional, or biographical subjects, or on the church, personal problems, science and religion, missions, social issues, books, or other literature. They will indicate whether they like sermons of a particular type always, most of the time, frequently, occasionally, or never. On the same blank he has provided a place to indicate preference for the hour of worship.

THE FINISHED PRODUCT

I recently met the finished article of the liquor trade; he was lying in the gutter.

He had no hat; the hat trade was suffering.

His coat was full of holes; the tailoring trade was suffering.

The man had holes in his boots; the boot trade was suffering.

He had no shirt; the linen trade was suffering.

He was dirty; the soap trade was suffering.

Indeed, I can hardly mention an industry in this country which was not affected by that man's insobriety.—Leif Jones (Lord Rydner).

HOLDING THE LEAD

Holding the lead! That is what the figures in the columns below tell us. The gain which was reported a month ago for 1937 over the corresponding months of 1936 is being maintained, thanks to the interest and generosity of our people, and the promptness of pastors and treasurers in seeing that remittances are made. We are now entering the home stretch. In the remaining three months of the year, the story will be told as to whether the increase of $5,000 which was voted at the Conference a year ago, will actually be realized. It can be if we work a little bit harder.

Church—	Sept. 1937	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, '37	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, '36
Adin	$.....	$ 28.20	$ 37.04
Alameda	.....	315.61	193.12
Alturas	.....	22.71	23.78
Angels Camp	.....	125.00	50.00
Antioch	.....	44.00	38.45
Auburn	.....	60.00	25.00
Benicia	.....	20.00	20.00
Berkeley, First	559.00	5,425.30	5,328.24
Kensington	.....	10.00	.....
North	.....	257.45	375.00
Park	.....	35.30	62.23
Campbell	.....	115.00	104.00
Ceres	.....	.....	133.41
Cloverdale	5.00	36.00	50.55
Cotati	.....	40.19	30.18
Crockett	.....	10.00	40.40
Etna	.....	.....	12.00
Eureka	40.00	247.94	198.64
Fairfax	.....	11.00	.....
Ferndale	.....	126.30	191.09
Fresno, First	139.70	580.12	319.28
Free Cross	.....	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	45.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	2.27
Guerneville	.....	4.50	.....
Hayfork	.....	.....	5.00
Hayward	.....	50.00	85.00
Kenwood	.....	28.24	23.56
Lewiston	.....	2.75	.....
Likely	.....	.....	5.00
Lodi, First	.....	580.00	390.00
Loomis	.....	18.00	11.90
Martinez	28.99	236.49	170.03
Mill Valley	.....	5.00	.....
Murphys	.....	50.00	40.00
Niles	.....	5.00	10.00
Oakland, First	416.66	4,034.94	2,983.70
Fruitvale	.....	12.00	5.00
Japanese	.....	.....	5.00
Pilgrim	7.00	30.41	.....
Plymouth	64.64	509.72	505.00
Oroville	20.00	120.00	80.00
Pacific Grove	57.95	281.30	330.13
Palo Alto	150.00	1,100.00	900.00
Paradise	.....	92.79	103.57
Penngrove	.....	.....	3.00
Petaluma	68.10	432.89	423.81
Pittsburg	.....	69.91	81.13
Port Chicago	.....	2.00	2.65
Porterville	.....	75.00	75.00
Redwood City	.....	360.00	335.00
Reedley	.....	.....	25.00
Ripon	17.95	83.29	36.32
Sacramento	107.65	368.33	390.39
San Carlos	6.39	24.62	10.00
San Francisco,			
Bethany Msn. Park	99.00	233.92	210.94
First	310.37	1,349.53	1,041.51
Ocean View	.....	35.00	20.01
Richmond	.....	16.00	22.11
San Jose	90.00	455.00	390.00
San Leandro	.....	51.58	49.59
San Mateo	.....	60.00	.....
San Rafael	.....	24.00	20.00
Santa Cruz	.....	325.00	310.00
Santa Rosa	31.10	136.59	130.66
Saratoga	.....	207.51	231.73
Sebastopol	16.35	149.43	150.01
Sonoma	.....	33.34	48.84
Soquel	10.50	40.00	41.00
Stockton	39.40	329.60	363.10
Sutter	.....	35.45	45.00
Sunnyvale	.....	.....	14.92
Tulare	.....	165.00	175.00
Weaverville	27.73	91.39	70.99
Woodlake	.....	.....	8.86
Reno, Nevada	23.90	315.93	253.60
Miscellaneous	.....	389.73	862.10
	$2,537.38	$20,586.30	$18,759.84

BENEVOLENCE INCREASES

The Benevolence Promotion Committee of the Conference desires the interest and help of our Federation women in carrying out their plans for an increase in benevolence giving of 20 per cent in two years. The goal of northern California is $39,000 for 1937 and $44,000 for 1938. A pamphlet outlining helpful plans is available at the Conference office (free).

MARTINEZ. At the first monthly fellowship dinner of the fall, 150 persons were present. The school teachers of the community and newcomers were special guests. Plans are under way looking toward the raising of the indebtedness on the building. The Martinez church was host to the school of churchmanship for laymen of the Upper Bay Association. Rev. Westwood Wallace is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. The Santa Cruz-Monterey Christian Endeavor Union held its annual convention at the Mayflower Church. A growing interest is being shown by the church in the use of "The Upper Room," a devotional aid booklet. A total of fifty are now in use. Rev. John H. Hunter, the pastor, takes his turn with other peninsula ministers in a half-hour devotional program over station KDON.

SOQUEL. Parsonage roof has received a coat of paint, the church hall steps have been repaired, and the winter's supply of wood has been provided. The Sunday school during the school year averages 75, and there is a splendid high school group in the Christian Endeavor Society. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, has a place on the State W. C. T. U. program at Stockton.

EUREKA. The cornerstone and first pillar of a meeting house in Plymouth Park at Miranda were installed recently by Rev. C. H. Hudson, who is pastor of the Eureka church and owner of the park. The bell from the old church at Rohnerville was presented for the chapel. A number of very helpful summer conferences have been held on the grounds this year.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. A financial canvass for the support of the Fellowship House was set up under the direction of Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman. More than forty persons assisted in the canvass and the first week's report exceeded the total raised last year. Professor C. E. Rugh has given a six-weeks course of Bible study. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is director.

SALIDA. On Sunday afternoon, October 3, a group of Sunday school teachers and workers met with Field Secretary Sherman in a most fruitful conference about materials and methods. Mr. Virgil Carlson is the pastor. The benevolence quota for the year was raised by a harvest home festival, farm products being brought to the church. Following a chicken dinner this product was auctioned.

FAIRFAX. Rev. C. L. Mears, pastor, preached at San Quentin prison once during September and held interviews with prisoners for a day, bringing to them advice and encouragement. A movement has been launched to raise the debt which the church owes to the bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The church building has received a new coat of paint and a new door has been installed to the social hall. Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick has returned to the leadership of the church after a summer spent in religious work in Idaho.

BERKELEY, PARK. A new bulletin board has been installed through the assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, reports an unusual interest in the Sunday school.

ADIN. A fireplace has been built in the young people's social hall.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OROVILLE. Rev. Elmer G. Brinkmeyer has resigned to accept a call to the Congregational Church of Red Cloud, Nebraska. The situation presents a splendid opportunity not only at the home base but in consolidating two other Congregational churches into the mother church, and also remnants of Baptist and Christian groups. Splendid lay leadership is available so that Mr. and Mrs. Brinkmeyer are looking forward to a very happy and successful pastorate. Their work in Oroville has been notable, particularly with the youth of the community, and the property of the church has been greatly improved. The church building has been painted, new chimes have been installed in the organ, and the parsonage has been remodeled. The affection of the people is being manifested during these closing days of his pastorate, and the Conference office joins in wishing these two splendid young people the greatest possible success.

STOCKTON. On invitation of the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, well-known and beloved in northern California and now the president of the Cumnock Schools of Los Angeles and former head of the Department of Religion at Pomona College, is giving a series of five addresses in the church during the first week of October. The general subject is "Real Religion in a Changing World." He will also speak at the fall luncheon of the Fellowship of Congregational Women, and at the chapel service of the College of the Pacific.

CAMPBELL. After 14 years' wrestling with a debt on the building, the final dollar has been paid and the mortgage erased. A celebration dinner preceded the symbolic mortgage-burning ceremony, and the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, and his people are looking ahead to see what challenge should be accepted. While the women's society cared for the larger portion, a total of $600 was contributed by the young people's societies during the present pastorate.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The primary and beginners' rooms have new carpets. Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor, teaches the adult group in the church school on Sunday morning. During October his sermon subjects are cast in the form of questions, several questions being answered in each sermon. "Why Religion?," "Why Married?," "Why Intolerance?," "Why Profanity?," "Why Inequality of Wealth?," "Why Community Chest?," and "Why Self Interest?" are some of the subjects raised.

SANTA CRUZ. Because of ever-growing parish duties, Rev. H. S. Mahood has resigned as president of the Santa Cruz Ministerial Union, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army Headquarters in Oakland. He will continue to serve on the library, Red Cross, and other boards. In addition to his pastoral work, he has conducted an employment bureau, finding both temporary and permanent positions for many people.

SAN CARLOS. Rev. Alden A. Read, the pastor, is in the hospital at Redwood City, having had an operation for appendicitis. At latest report he is improving satisfactorily. The attendance at the Sunday school for the early Sundays of autumn has been most gratifying.

PETALUMA. The 14 young people who attended the Lokoya Conference took entire charge of a Sunday morning service in the church on their return, conducting it with sincerity, dignity, and reverence, and testifying to the fine values of the camp. Six of these young people have joined the church choir. Recently organized young people's department increased in interest and attendance. The annual fall festival drew hundreds in attendance at the McNear gardens, where a cast of 70 presented the opera "Iolanthe." Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker at the fall rally dinner. A dialogue sermon by the pastor, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell and his daughter, Lois, on the subject "Why I don't go to church," aroused much interest and discussion.

WOODSIDE. After several months without a pastor, the church has called Rev. R. R. Shoemaker, and he is on the field at work. The church is especially fortunate in its new leadership. Dr. Shoemaker has had a number of notable pastorates, and for the past 15 years has been superintendent of our Congregational work in Arizona, New Mexico, and Western Texas. He will bring to the Woodside church and to our Northern California fellowship ripe experience, the enthusiasm of a man many years his junior, and outstanding preaching ability.

PITTSBURG. Pilgrim Fellowship held its annual banquet for all the young people of the church, and used as its motif, Mexico. Mexican food was provided and an interesting talk on our neighborinng country was given by one of the local teachers. The women's society was hostess to the Upper Bay women's organizations, and Mrs. R. J. Martyr was re-elected president of the Upper Bay District. Rev. E. W. Benedict, the pastor, and his family spent their vacation on a trip to Minnesota during the summer.

LOOMIS. Early in the summer the church building was very seriously damaged by fire of an incendiary nature. Chairs and benches had been stacked up in the basement and oil-soaked rags had been used in three different places in the building to start the conflagration. The damage, though serious, permits of rebuilding and a satisfactory adjustment with the insurance company has been made. It is hoped the repairs will be completed by November.

AUBURN. With the opening of the new Junior College, Auburn now has a thousand students, including college and high school. There are some activities in mining, and every house in town is occupied and building is going on. The church has two fine young people's groups, with a total membership of forty. Rev. H. J. Loken, the pastor, concluded his work at Loomis on July 1 and is now devoting his entire time to Auburn.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. During the month of September the pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, made 101 calls in the interests of the church, this in addition to carrying forward its many activities.

ETNA MILLS. Rev. C. L. Goodenough has been appointed by the Methodist Conference as pastor of the federated Methodist - Congregational church, and is on the field at work.

SAN FRANCISCO, CONGREGATIONAL-METHODIST TEMPLE. Beginning with the first of October, the church is announcing more services of worship, not based upon numerical attendance but upon the diverse needs of people living or visiting in the city. The schedule for Sunday, October 3, included sermon and communion service at 9 a. m., church school at 9:50, men's forum at 10:00, morning worship with sermon at 11:00, sermon and communion at 5:30, fellowship hour at 6:45, and dialogue sermon at 7:45. The church has now three choirs, the united Choir, an a capella choir, and a youth chorus. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. Edgar A. Lowther divide the preaching responsibility, and Dr. William E. Knuth is the minister of music.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. After sixteen months without pastoral leadership, this church is rejoicing in the coming of Rev. H. K. Khachadourian from Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Khachadourian has had a long and distinguished service in the ministry, both in the United States and the Near East. His wife was formerly a teacher in the American Girls' College in Smyrna. They have three young children. During the first three weeks of service in San Francisco steps have been taken to reorganize the women's and young people's activities and to form a choir. Attendance has been gratifying.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The children's project, which is being sponsored in part by the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, is centralizing most of its energy in a weekday church school, held Thursday afternoon. Although it is just getting under way, 49 children were in attendance on the afternoon of September 23. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, is giving a series of sermons on "Ordinary Folks Conquering Difficulties." A fund is being raised to improve the church property.

ALAMEDA. Robert Cleland, son of the pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, is a student at the Pacific School of Religion and is assisting with the young people's program at Plymouth Church, Oakland. On a recent Sunday morning he occupied the pulpit for his father. Every member of the church is being assigned to one or more active committees. There is a determined effort to make the Alameda church a working church.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, is giving a series of Wednesday evening Bible lectures, using various books of the Bible: II Corinthians, "A Message of Growth;" Galatians, " A Message of Liberty;" Ephesians, "A Message of Unity;" Philippians, "A Message of Optimism;" Colossians, "A Message of Perfection;" I Thessalonians, "A Message of Courage;" and II Thessalonians, "A Message of Work."

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Rev. G .F. Wortley was appointed as pastor of this federated church, and has been on the field since July. He is determined to see that within the coming year a substantial reduction shall be made in the burden of indebtedness.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The work in this missionary field is temporarily being cared for by Rev. Henry Stauffer.

ANTIOCH. All records for Sunday school attendance were broken on Rally Sunday. Several new teachers have been added to the staff and new classes are being organized. Rev. and Mrs. William R. Steininger are serving as sponsors of a new Intermediate Pilgrim Fellowship, which has an average attendance of fourteen, with new young people being added. A string ensemble is adding to the worship program of the church and a junior choir has been started.

After months of discussion it has been decided that the old parsonage should be used for church purposes, the downstairs for educational and recreational work and the upstairs as a caretaker's apartment.

RIPON. At the regular meeting of the official board, the treasurer reported a balance of $50. Attendance in the Sunday school was found to be improving. A Friendly Indians group of boys has been formed. Visiting committees to cover the parish were appointed, and plans laid to increase the number of "Pacific" subscriptions. The church is looking forward to the coming of Mrs. A. V. Dunn, who is to speak to the women early in October. A large congregation was present on Rally Sunday, when Field Secretary Sherman preached. A pot-luck dinner followed the service, at which time Mr. Sherman again spoke. Rev. E. L. Spuller is pastor.

TULARE. On Sunday, October 3, a splendid new pipe organ was dedicated, which has been sorely needed for many years. It came as the result of a bequest left to the church by Mrs. H. M. Shreve, who passed away in 1934. The pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, is delighted with the installation, which is in keeping with the auditorium, and the music will add greatly to the beauty and effectiveness of the services of worship.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. O. W. S. McCall is again preaching to large audiences and is now engaged in giving his annual series of sermons to young people. During the Sunday evenings of October a forum is being conducted under the direction of a committee of men, discussing some phases of the world situation.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

There will be no regular Federation meeting in October. Instead, our women will attend the State Conference meetings, October 26-28, in First Church, Oakland, and will have a luncheon and program at noon on Wednesday, October 27. The general topic will be "Gratitude for the little things in life." Send individual names of those wishing luncheon reservations to Mrs. C. T. Tinker, 4515 Edgewood Avenue, Oakland, by Monday, October 25.

HELPFUL SEPTEMBER MEETING

At the Federation meeting, September 16, Mrs. Chester Marliave, Home Field Secretary, remarked that Berkeley, Arlington Fellowship House was five years old that day. A Home Missionary project, it now raises over half of its $2,000 budget. It began with 70 in its Sunday school; it now has 170. It serves 450 families, so approximately 1,200 people use it. Fifty-seven meetings of various kinds are held each month. The women's organization has 125 members and a large waiting list, as they cannot accommodate more.

Mrs. Marliave also told of an appeal from Mr. George N. White for special gifts to our American Missionary Association, which works among Indians, Negroes, southern Highlanders, and others. Special programs on our A. M. A. work will stimulate interest in it. Public libraries will often make up sets of pictures appropriate for such use if groups desire them.

COOK BOOK

The Weaverville ladies have prepared a cook book which they are selling to raise money for new carpet for the pulpit and some needed repairs on the church. Our Federation will have these cook books on sale at $1.00 each during the State Conference. Clothing, so much needed during Trinity County's severe winters, may be left for Rev. James D. Salmon at the church office.

The Hayfork bazaar netted them nearly $60. The church is needed in Hayfork and recently there have been funerals and no place to hold them.

SOCIAL ACTION

"Christian Social Action," a pamphlet by Hugh Vernon White, characterized in The Christian Century as "a vivid analysis of the church's responsibility for personal religion and social righteousness," may be obtained from The Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City, single copies 10c, 50 or more 5c each.

Mrs. Elmer W. Benedict, Social Relations Secretary, stresses three essentials for Christians: 1. We must know; facts are fundemental. 2. We must feel; facts are not enough. 3. We must do; as individuals, each must have the will for doing.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Speakers on the following subjects are available through our Speakers' Bureau chairman, Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, 1108 Euclid Ave., Berkeley: Youth Problems; Migrant Work; Women's Prison; The Church and the Community; Christian Citizenship; Crime, It's Cause and Cure; Peace; Social Action; International Relations; Missions, Home and Foreign; Negro Poetry; Travelers' Aid; Motion Pictures; Social Service; The Bible.

Five Associational rallies were held in September: Santa Clara, at Santa Cruz, September 17; Upper Bay, at Pittsburg, September 22; Central, at Lodi, September 23; Sacramento Valley, at Auburn, September 28; Redwood Empire, at Cotati, September 30. Theme: "An effective women's organization in an effective church."

Hugh Vernon White's recent book, "A Theology for Christian Missions," was finely reviewed by Mrs. Gail Cleland. The book is based on five lectures given by Dr. White at Andover Theological Seminary, therefore his terminology and approach are for trained minds. Evangelical Christianity, he says, means sharing with others and is based on a belief in missions. We have reached the end of an epoch in missions, and the old imperative no longer constrains us, nor are the old methods adequate. Time was when force was the method used, and by it whole realms were Christianized at once. Later, argument took its place and this method still persists; a pathetic fact, for something deeper is necessary. Then came the method of witness, by which people were wrongly forced into Christianity through emotional appeal. What, then, is the right imperative for today? It is that we feel an inner necessity to share our vision of God with others, through love and service and fellowship. These are basic in a theology for missions. Friendship, as exemplified in the Good Samaritan, is the method. Schools and hospitals naturally follow, for service rather than just to increase the number of Christians. It follows, too, that our objective is the development of the indigenous church, without stress on ritual or creed. Some eternal principles are essential, but outer form is variable. Nevertheless, Christianity is uncomfortable in the presence of certain things, such as emperor worship, or the caste system, or foot binding. It is a fallacy to say that one religion is as good as another. There is a best religion. We believe it is Christianity, and the world grants that the Christian ideals are the highest.

Mrs. Ernest E. Vehrs will be the Bay Associational President for the remainder of the year.

Thank offering boxes, at 3c each, may be obtained from the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

News from the Galts

Mrs. Elmer W. Galt of Paotingfu, China, with her daughter Faith arrived in Victoria, B. C. on September 22. In a letter written on the steamer and mailed immediately on arrival she says: "Faith and I are on our way home as war refugees, or did I write you that we planned to come? I just can't remember all that I did during the weeks of strain before we left. Neither can I go into details here. There may be a little article of mine in a Missionary Herald soon which will give a glimpse of some of our experiences. Suffice it to say now that conditions became such that we decided we must get Faith home. At first I planned to take her only to Shanghai but as travel conditions became more uncertain and consular urgings strong that we leave, the only thing seemed to be for me to bring her. Mr. Galt insisted that I come with her, hard as it was for me to leave him in the midst of such circumstances. We had had no letters or papers for a month before I left. The only way we could get out was the long, long way by Canton and Hongkong! With difficulty we scraped together enough money for third class passages, being cut off from our mission treasurer. In Canton I sent an airmail letter home to let them know we were coming." United Press news in Berkeley Gazette of September 23 lists Mr. Galt as one of five missionaries in Paotingfu on September 14.

VALEDICTORY

The two messages below were written by Father William C. Day shortly before his death. He was in his 92nd year.

The heritage of life is death. If the flower blooms, it must fade. If the spring time clothes the landscape with verdure, so surely will the summer heats leave it brown and sere.

Childhood and youth with their unfolding beauty and vigor and manhood with its active strength, pass into the quiet of age and the hush of the grave. The mysterious force which we call "Life," innumerable in its manfestations, is with us today and tomorrow is fled to return no more. We watch its rising tides with joyful anticipation and lo! ere we know, it turns back again to an unknown ocean, and we stand alone on the white and desolate sands. Is there a shore, verdant and peaceful, where the shingle is afoam always with its rippling beauty and the music of the waves make one eternal harmony? Is there a land where life shall go on forever, and where love shall not change or pass away? Where tears shall cease and pains be forgotten and love shall find its lost treasure again?

The soul needs not to wait for an answer, for the Son of God has led the way and calls on us to follow that we may gain the heritage of faith and be at peace with God.

So life with its toil and sorrow, the disappointment and sin which attend it here, may weary us, but in this serene and blessed faith, we go calmly to the end.

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As the little child when the shadows of evening fall, turns wearied from the toys that have amused it through the hours of sunlight and seeks the sheltering arms and the gentle lullaby of the mother bosom to soothe it to its slumber; so we, at last, weary of the toys that have amused us and the cares that have vexed us, when the shadows of death have begun to dim the landscape, shall seek with yearning the sheltering mother arms of our Father God and sink into our last slumber on His bosom.

LAUBACH RETURNS

It is reported that Dr. Frank C. Laubach is back in Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

REV. WILLIAM CEPHAS DAY

Our beloved saint and senior minister, Rev. William Cephas Day, passed to his reward on September 10 after seven weeks of illness. He was born in Indiana, November 12, 1845, and thus was nearing his 92nd birthday. His father was a minister of the United Brethren Church, as was also one of his seven brothers. He was a graduate of Hartsville College, Indiana, where later he was pastor of the college church. He also served the First United Brethren Church of Indianapolis and another United Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio. He was married in 1872 to Amelia Pearson, who died in 1903.

Fifty years ago the family came to California, and Father Day was pastor of the college church at Woodbridge, and later presiding elder of the United Brethren denomination. In 1895 he transferred to the Congregational fellowship, following which time he served our churches at San Andreas and Mokelumne Hill for two years, then for a period at Rocklin and Loomis. In 1901 he was called to the Olivet Church in San Francisco, and in 1904 went to Weaverville for a three-year period. He ministered to the Cottonwood Church for nine months and then was pastor at Sonoma from November, 1907 until December, 1910. For 18 months during 1911 and 1912 he was pastor of the Santa Rosa church. For 25 years he has been retired from active service, but always deeply interested in the cause of Christ and the Congregational fellowship.

In 1905 he was married to Mrs. May M. Harris of San Francisco, who has been a most faithful companion and helpmeet, and who survives him. He leaves also his son, Rev. Richard C. Day of Niles; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Condit of Oakland; a step-daughter Mrs. Enid Nelson; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the First Congregational Church of Oakland, of which Father Day was a member, and were conducted by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Gail Cleland, and Rev. Tom Watt. Six brother clergymen served as pall bearers.

REDWOOD EMPIRE MEETS

For the first time in many years the Eureka church was host to a meeting of an association. On Monday and Tuesday, September 20 and 21, the Redwood Empire Association held its regular autumn session in Eureka. Among those participating in the program were Rev. Norman Pendleton of the Anti-Saloon League, Rev. R. D. Douglass of Ferndale, Rev. Wilfred Withington of Santa Rosa, Rev. Harold S. Davidson of Cloverdale, Rev. E. W. Perry of Sonoma, Rev. G. E. Atkinson of Sebastopol, Rev. R. C. Waddell of Petaluma, Rev. C. C. Champlin of Cotati, and the entertaining pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson.

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